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SUBJECT: AGEE BOOK SPAWNS CIA STORIES

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1. ARTICLES APPEARING IN NOVEMBER 20, 1975 SINHALA-  
LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER JANADINA AND LATEST EDITION  
OF ENGLISH FORTNIGHTLY FORWARD REFERRING  
TO PHILIP AGEE BOOK ON CIA ARE FIRST INDICATION THAT  
BOOK IS BEING READ AND USED BY LOCAL MARXIST  
CIRCLES. JANADINA IS PUBLISHED BY TROTSKYITE LANKA  
SAMA SAMJA PARTY(LSSP) AND FORWARD BY MOSCOW WING  
COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. JANADINA ARTICLE CITES AGEE'S ACCOUNT OF CIA  
USE OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AND  
REPORTS THAT "AGEE... HAS MENTIONED  
ABOUT THIS BANK ON PAGE 608 (PRESUMABLY PENGUIN  
EDITION) AS FOLLOWS: 'THE CIA ORGANIZATION UTILIZES  
THE SERVICES OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AS THE  
MACHINERY FOR SPENDING ITS SECRET MONEY AND FOR  
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ACTIVITIES..."

3. AS NOTED REFTTEL, FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK IS LIVE LOCAL ISSUE SINCE IT FORMALLY PROPOSED OPENING COLOMBO BRANCH IN LATE 1973 AND WAS TURNED DOWN REPORTEDLY BY CABINET IN JULY 1975 DURING REGIME OF FORMER FINANCE MINISTER LSSP MEMBER N.M. PERERA. SINCE THEN LSSP PRESS HAS USED APPARENT RENEWED INTEREST BY GSL IN BRANCH PROPOSAL TO ATTACK ITS ERSTWHILE CABINET PARTNERS. THUS ARTICLE WAS MOTIVATED BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL FEUD AS WELL AS ANTI-US ANIMUS.

4. FORWARD ARTICLE INVOLVES ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES RECRUITING AGENTS FROM AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT BY ISRAELI LABOR FEDERATION HISTADRUT. ARTICLE, MENTIONING AGEE BOOK AND ARTICLE IN LE POINT OF PARIS SAYS "THROUGH GEORGE MEANY, LEADER OF THE US AFL-CIO, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PROVIDED FUNDS FOR THE SO-CALLED AFRO-ASIAN INSTITUTE WHICH WAS SET UP AT THE HISTADRUT AND ATTENDED BY LEADERS OF SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS FROM AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES. SPECIAL WORK WAS CARRIED OUT AMONG THE STUDENTS AND SOME OF THEM WERE RECRUITED BY THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE." THIS ARTICLE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO LOCAL LABOR ISSUES AND BEARS STAMP OF HAVING BEEN WRITTEN ELSEWHERE.

5. THESE ARTICLES ARE FIRST WHICH HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION PUBLISHED LOCALLY WHICH REFER TO AGEE BOOK. THEIR PUBLICATION AT SAME TIME RAISES POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA BASED ON AGEE BOOK AND OTHER CIA-EXPOSE ARTICLES AND BOOKS. VAN HOLLEN

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